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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 83  
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pigeon Forge City Manager Earlene Teaster upon her receipt of the City Manager of the Year Award from the Tennessee City Management Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves within their chosen professions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Earlene Teaster is one such individual in that she is wholly committed to performing well in her position as Pigeon Forge City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Teaster was recently honored with the City Manager of the Year Award from the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) in recognition of her dedication, innovation, and effective leadership; and

WHEREAS, the award was presented by TCMA President Bill Magoon at the Tennessee Municipal League banquet on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hord, a former city administrator of Sevierville who helped nominate Earlene Teaster for the award, said of Ms. Teaster, "Earlene has that rare combination of skill, personality, and experience that puts her in a category few ever achieve"; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Teaster has been employed with the city of Pigeon Forge since 1961, and she assumed the position of City Manager in 1980, becoming the first female in Tennessee ever to serve as a City Manager; and

WHEREAS, she has overseen the growth and development of Pigeon Forge from a small village to a premier resort city; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton said of Earlene Teaster, "Earlene had the foresight to have a feasibility study done to help measure the impact of Dollywood on the city. Then, along with me, she championed the effort. . . Dollywood, the community, and its citizens are indebted to Earlene for her countless hours, her dedication, and her smarts"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her contributions to bringing Dollywood to Pigeon Forge, it is under Ms. Teaster's leadership that the city has constructed a new public works facility and restored and converted an old school building into a new municipal complex; and

WHEREAS, Earlene Teaster is respected by those she works with and the citizens of Pigeon Forge alike; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Teaster's influence is felt not only in Pigeon Forge, but throughout Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, her example of professionalism and dedication is one to be followed throughout the state of Tennessee and the rest of the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Ms. Earlene Teaster upon her receipt of the Tennessee City Management Association's City Manager of the Year Award, and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to making her Tennessee community the best it can possibly be.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

